



Background

Rite Smiles is Rhode Island's new dental program for young children. It's designed to increase access to dental services for children enrolled in the RI Medical Assistance Program. Rite Smiles will place an emphasis on preventive and primary dental care services. Eligible children will enroll in a dental plan and can get help finding a dentist.

Who is Eligible?

- Medicaid eligible children (Rite Care, Rite Share and Medicaid fee-for-service) born on or after May 1, 2000
- Children must be Rhode Island residents

Children with other dental insurance or children who live in a nursing facility will not be eligible for Rite Smiles.

Program Description

- The dental plan, **UnitedHealthcare Dental– Rite Smiles**, will be responsible for establishing and maintaining a network of dentists, provider relations, dental claims processing, and all member services.
- The covered dental services provided under Rite Smiles will be the same benefit package covered under Medicaid fee-for-service. Older children who are not eligible for Rite Smiles will continue to receive dental services through Medical Assistance fee-for-service using the white “anchor” ID card.
- Children will not “age out” of the program when they reach their sixth birthday.

Timeline

September 1, 2006	Enrollment of children into a dental plan begins. Enrollment will occur over several months.
July – December 2006	Communication to key audiences on Rite Smiles and best practices in oral health education for young children will occur. Audiences include: Dentists, Community-based agencies, Physicians, etc.

For More Information

UnitedHealthcare Dental/ Rite Smiles

Member Services	1-866-375-3257 (starts 9/1/06)
Provider Services	1-800-822-5353 (for dentists in the network)
Provider Recruitment	1-888-679-8923 (for dentists who want to join)

DHS Info Line (401) 462-5300